

# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Board of Education Agenda

**Date of Meeting:** May 21-22, 2008

**Time:** As Shown

**Location:** Jefferson Conference Room, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, James Monroe Building  
101 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Richmond, Virginia



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2008**

**9 A.M.**

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS MEETING**

**Full Board Convenes**

**Moment of Silence**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes of the April 24, 2008, Meeting of the Board**

**Comments from the Honorable Thomas R. Morris, Secretary of Education,  
Commonwealth of Virginia**

**Public Comment**

**Consent Agenda**

- A. Final Review of a Proposed Amendment to the *Regulations Governing the Reduction of State Aid When the Length of the School Term is Below 180 Teaching Days or 990 Teaching Hours (8 VAC 20-521-10 et seq.) Under the Fast Track Provisions of the Administrative Process Act*
- B. Final Review of a Request for Approval of an Innovative Program Opening Prior to Labor Day from Covington City Public Schools
- C. Final Review of the *Virginia Standards for the Professional Practice of Teachers*

## **Action/Discussion: Board of Education Regulations**

- D. First Review of a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) to Amend and Consolidate Board of Education *Regulations Governing Textbook Adoption State Level* (8 VAC 20-220-10 *et seq.*), *Regulations Governing Textbook Adoption Local Level* (8 VAC 20-230-10 *et seq.*) and *Regulations Governing Textbook Fund Management and handling on Local Level* (8 VAC 20-270-10 *et seq.*)

## **Action/Discussion Items**

- E. First Review of a Request for Increased Graduation Requirements from Halifax County Public Schools
- F. First Review of Proposed Revised Curriculum Framework for 2008 *History and Social Science Standards of Learning*
- G. First Review of a Proposal to Establish a Governor's Career and Technical Academy: Fostering Innovation and Relevance through STEM and Trades
- H. First Review of a Proposal to Establish a Governor's Career and Technical Academy: Governor's Academy for Innovation, Technology, and Engineering (GAITE)
- I. First Review of Action Required to Continue the Process of Consolidating the Two Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind

## **Report**

- J. Report on Petersburg City School's Implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding and Findings of the Division-Level Review

**Discussion of Current Issues** - by Board of Education Members and Superintendent of Public Instruction

## **Adjournment of Business Session**

**MEETING OF THE VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND (VSDB)  
FOUNDATION BOARD AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE FOUNDATION**

***Note: The Board of Education will convene for the annual planning session following the adjournment of the business session.***



## **PLANNING SESSION AGENDA**

### **INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW – Dr. Emblidge**

### **UPDATE ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR 2007-2012: DISCUSSION OF THE METRICS – Dr. Deborah Jonas**

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION INITIATIVES IN SUPPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S OBJECTIVES**

**OBJECTIVE 1:** The Board of Education will continue to enhance the quality standards for all public schools in Virginia.

- Standards of Quality: Limited English Proficient – current information, research, legislation introduced by the 2008 General Assembly (Division of Policy and Communications)
- Overview of selected Department of Education resources available to teachers and students, including ePAT, Project Graduation online tutorials, Virginia Mentor, strategies for middle school math teachers, and instructional Web sites for history and social science

**OBJECTIVE 2:** The Board of Education will provide leadership to help schools and school divisions eliminate the achievement gap between groups of students and increase the academic success of all students.

- Algebra Readiness Program (Division of Instruction)

**OBJECTIVE 3:** The Board of Education will support accountability for all schools, focusing on assisting chronically low-performing schools and school divisions while recognizing all schools and school divisions as they move towards excellence.

- Lessons Learned: Summary of the findings of the Academic Review Teams and the PASS Program (Division of Student Assessment and School Improvement)

**OBJECTIVE 4:** The Board of Education will work cooperatively with partners to help ensure that all young children are ready to enter kindergarten with the skills they need for success.

- Summary of Accomplishments of the NASBE Grant Program (Division of Instruction)

**OBJECTIVE 5:** The Board of Education will establish policies that support the attainment of literacy skills of all students, kindergarten through grade 12.

- The Foreign Language Academy Program (Division of Instruction)

**OBJECTIVE 6:** The Board of Education will establish policies and standards that enhance the preparation, recruitment, and retention of educational personnel, including their meaningful, ongoing professional development.

- Initiatives to recruit and retain teachers: Teach Virginia Program (Division of Teacher Education and Licensure)

**OBJECTIVE 8:** The Board of Education will provide leadership to help schools and school divisions ensure a safe and secure environment conducive to facilitating the teaching and learning process.

- Overview of Student Assistance Programs (Division of Special Education and Student Services)
- Discipline, Crime, and Violence data on the Web (Division of Special Education and Student Services)

**OBJECTIVE 7:** The Board of Education will provide leadership in implementing the provisions of state and federal laws and regulations.

- Summary of recent regulatory changes and overview of actions planned for the remainder of 2008 (Division of Policy and Communications)

## **BOARD DISCUSSION**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Board of Education members will meet for dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Tuesday, May 20, 2008. Items for the Board agenda may be discussed informally at that dinner. No votes will be taken, and it is open to the public. The Board president reserves the right to change the times listed on this agenda depending upon the time constraints during the meeting.

### **GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. The Board of Education is pleased to receive public comment at each of its regular monthly meetings. In order to allow the Board sufficient time for its other business, the total time allotted to public comment will generally be limited to thirty (30) minutes. Individuals seeking to speak to the Board will be allotted three (3) minutes each.
2. Those wishing to speak to the Board should contact Dr. Margaret Roberts, Executive Assistant for Board Relations at (804) 225-2924. Normally, speakers will be scheduled in the order that their requests are received until the entire allotted time slot has been used. Where issues involving a variety of views are presented before the Board, the Board reserves the right to allocate the time available so as to insure that the Board hears from different points of view on any particular issue.
3. Speakers are urged to contact Dr. Roberts in advance of the meeting. Because of time limitations, those persons who have not previously registered to speak prior to the day of the Board meeting cannot be assured that they will have an opportunity to appear before the Board.
4. In order to make the limited time available most effective, speakers are urged to provide multiple written copies of their comments or other material amplifying their views.